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## **LOCAL COACHES AWARD COUNTY GOLF COURSES**

Waukesha, WIS. – On Tuesday, June 17, the Wisconsin High School Golf Coaches Association gave Waukesha County the “Friend of Golf Award” for investment in the skill development, personal growth and facility access for countless high school golfers.

The County was nominated for the award by golf coaches Dave Roberts, of Brookfield East High School, and Brian Scobel, of Brookfield Central High School.

During the award presentation, Roberts cited the Department of Parks and Land Use for quality course maintenance, staff eagerness to welcome and assist youth, sponsorship of youth tournaments, and a willingness to employ high school golfers in seasonal positions.

“We greatly appreciate the time that Coach Roberts and Coach Scobel took to nominate us, and we are pleased to have been granted the award,” said County Executive Dan Finley. “Our staff does a phenomenal job at managing and maintaining the courses, and I commend them for their dedication to quality park space.”

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The County’s three golf courses, Moor Downs in the City of Waukesha, Naga-Waukee in the Town of Delafield, and Wanaki in the Village of Menomonee Falls, proudly acted as home courses for the following high school teams: Brookfield Central, Brookfield East, Sussex Hamilton, Waukesha South, Pewaukee, Catholic Memorial and Arrowhead.

In past years, the County golf courses have hosted WIAA Boys Regional Tournaments, WIAA Girls Sectional Tournaments and Conference Tournaments, and for the past 30 years, have hosted the Junior Golf Tournament.

In addition, the department actively engages area youth in exposure to golf through programs like First Tee, which is a partnership between the County, the Wisconsin Golf Foundation and the Great Blue Heron Girl Scout Council. This venture provides local girls with affordable access to golf and introduces them to the core values and life skills that the game promotes. During the summer of 2003, the program will provide instruction to nearly 600 participants.

Department Director Dale Shaver said, “In 2001, we offered this program to the Girl Scouts as a pilot project. Due to overwhelming interest, it has grown significantly and it has had a positive impact on the girls in our community. We look forward to this continued partnership.”

Annually, junior golfers play over 13,000 rounds of golf at the County courses.

For more information about County golf courses, please contact the Department of Parks & Land Use at (262) 548-7790 or log on to [www.waukeshacountyparks.com](http://www.waukeshacountyparks.com).

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